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PECELVEL DE LECHER DE LECH DNA ENCODING APOPTOSIS-INDUCED EUCARYOTIC

INITIATION FACTOR-5A AND DEOXYHYPUSINE

SYNTHASE AND A METHOD FOR CONTROLLING

APOPTOSIS IN ANIMALS AND HUMANS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Response to Restriction Requirement/Election of Species

Madame:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement/Election of Species mailed July 16, 2002. Accordingly, a response is due on or before August 16, 2002.

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to elect Group I for prosecution on the merits. The Examiner has indicated that Group I includes claims 1-6, 10-11, 19-23, 30-33, 37-38, and 46-50. Accordingly, please cancel claims 7-9, 12-18, 24-29, 34-36, 39-45, and 51-86 without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute these claims in either a divisional or continuation application.

The Examiner has also issued an election of species requirement for the following agents: